GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL TO ALTER INDO PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has opened the door for a fresh controversy by not ruling out the possibility of altering India`s borders with Pakistan for a resolution of the Kashmir problem as reported in the Deccan Chronicle dated June 11, 2004;

(b) if so, whether there is any departure from the past policy; and

(c) if not, the views of the Government to get a solution on the Kashmir problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c) Government`s clear, consistent and principled position has been that the State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. Pakistan is in illegal and forcible occupation of a part thereof.

India is committed to a peaceful settlement of all bilateral issues with Pakistan.